

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Chapter 32 of the Laws of Maryland passed at the Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly in 1947, be and it is hereby repealed, and that four new sections of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County", to be under sub-title "Licenses", known as Sections 93A to 93D, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 93 of said Article, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

### LICENSES

93A. Nothing contained in Article 27, Sections 288 to 307, inclusive, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", shall be construed as prohibiting, penalizing or making unlawful the keeping, maintenance, operation or distribution for operation, in St. Mary's County, by any person, firm or corporation, on and after December 9, 1947, of any mechanical or electrical amusement devices which require the insertion of a coin or token for their operation ~~and~~ AN which offer an award to the operator based in whole or in part upon chance or his skill, provided that said mechanical or electrical amusement devices or machines are licensed by the person, firm or corporation who owns or operates the premises upon which said amusement devices are maintained for the use of the public as hereinafter provided in this sub-title. Provided, however, that any bona fide charitable or veterans' organization and any bona fide fire company may own and operate not more than five such devices for which no license fee shall be required where all the proceeds of such devices are devoted to the exclusive benefit of such organization or company and such devices are maintained solely in the club room or regular meeting place of such organization or company. And provided further, that any bona fide religious or volunteer firemen's organization may operate on not more than two dates in any calendar year up to ten such devices without license at any carnival or social where the proceeds of such devices are devoted to the exclusive benefit of such organization.

93B. The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized to impose upon such of the machines and devices described in Section 93A as they shall designate a gross-receipts tax in such amount as they shall prescribe upon the total income received from the operation of such machines and devices.. The said County Commissioners